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Our Reference: 4320-347

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Re: Petition and Statement Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3)
Patent Application No. 09/916,247
For: CHEMICAL CLEANING BACKWASH FOR NORMALLY IMMERSSED
MEMBRANES
Filing Date: July 30, 2001
Applicant: Pierre Côté et al.

Enclosed is a Petition, with fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h), to have an Amendment and other documents, originally filed on January 22, 2004 and attached to the Petition, be recognized as having been filed on that date and entered. As described in the Petition, the Amendment was previously filed on January 22, 2004, which is within three months of the last Office Action dated October 22, 2003. However, we have been advised by the Examiner that the Amendment and other documents filed on that day are not in the file and that the file will soon come up for abandonment if the documents are not located and entered in the file. The Examiner further advised us that this Petition was the appropriate means for having the documents deemed received on January 22, 2004 so that they may be entered and the file not held abandoned.

As a further precaution, Applicants are also filing herewith a second copy of the Amendment. The Applicants, under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), request and authorize the Commissioner to treat this second copy of the Amendment and any other concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time and to charge any and all required fees, fees under 37 CFR 1.17, or all required extension of time fees to our deposit account no. 02-2095. The Applicants submit, however, that no petition for late filing is required since an Amendment was filed on January 22, 2004.

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The Applicants submit that the present Petition should be granted. If granting of this Petition, or location of the original Amendment filed, results in duplicate Amendments on file, the Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner may choose not to enter one of the Amendments, provided at least one Amendment remains on file as deemed or considered as having been filed on January 22, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION

Sir,

The Applicants hereby petition that the attached Amendment, Terminal Disclaimer, Assignment, Power of Attorney and Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) be deemed or recognized as having been filed on January 22, 2004 and that they be appropriately filed or entered. The Amendment and other documents were originally filed on January 22, 2004, as indicated by the attached copy of a postcard indicating their receipt in the OIPE. Also attached is a photocopy of a returned check which accompanied the Amendment as further evidence that the documents, as indicated on the postcard, were received by the U.S.P.T.O. and that all required fees have been paid.

The Applicants have been informed by the Examiner that the attached documents have not been entered in the appropriate file. If at least the Amendment is not deemed or recognized as having been received on January 22, 2004, the Applicants will be held to not have responded to the latest Office Action, mailed October 22, 2004, within the period for reply. The Applicants submit that such a result would be unfair to the Applicants and that this Petition shows good and sufficient reason why the attached documents should be deemed or otherwise considered to have been filed and received as of January 22, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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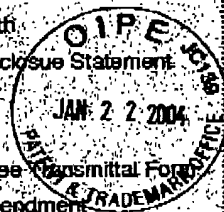
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Signature	<i>Scott Pundsack</i>
Date	April 19, 2004

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.			
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